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Title: NOVEL BACTERIAL RNASE P PROTEINS AND THEIR USE IN  
IDENTIFYING ANTIBACTERIAL COMPOUNDS

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the final Office Action that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned patent application on April 4, 2003, and in reference to the Advisory Action that was mailed on August 18, 2003, applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

Kindly amend the application as follows.